

Dear FCC Members,

I am terrified at the prospect that regulations regarding ownership of media sources may be relaxed. I am already concerned that the information reaching my home has been seriously compromised due to the marked decrease in independent news sources in the last decade. The democracy for which we are fighting all over the globe is dependent upon public access to unbiased information. The consolidation of media ownership makes access to this kind of information difficult. The founders of this country considered democracy its supreme virtue--not unfettered capitalism. When the rules of capitalism begin to destroy democracy itself, it must be regulated by those that have the power. I urge you not to further relax regulations concerning media monopolies. I implore you not to bend to corporate wishes, and respect, instead, the wishes of the citizens. I don't need access to more and cheaper cable channels. The public interest is served by allowing independent sources to remain independent and competitive. I thank you for your attention. I am interested in your comments and intentions on this issue.

Sincerely,

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